

hearing entitled "Electronic Communications Networks in the Wake of September 11th." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basin Compact and the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee and Flint River Basin Compact. Testimony was heard from Lindsay Thomas, Federal Commissioner, Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa/Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Commissions; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on the Release Policies of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Executive Office for Immigration Review. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the INS, Department of Justice: Joseph R. Greene, Acting Deputy Executive Associate Commissioner, Field Operations; and Edward McElroy, District Director, New York District Office; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND WORKER ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 3529, to provide tax incentives for economic recovery and assistance to displaced workers, providing two hours of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that the yeas and nays shall be considered as ordered on the question of passage and that clause 5(b) of rule XXI shall not apply to the bill or amendments thereto. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thomas and Representatives Rangel, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Brown of Ohio, and Wu.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION— CONFERENCE REPORT DOD APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of Thursday, December 20, 2001, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany H.R. 3338, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

DOD APPROPRIATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, 2002— CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 3338, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2002

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.J. Res. 79, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

RECONVENING DATE FOR 107TH CONGRESS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on a joint resolution to establish a date for reconvening the 107th Congress, equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Conferees, on Tuesday, December 18, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H. R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to consider certain civilian and military nominations, 11:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings on the nomination of John Magaw, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Security, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.